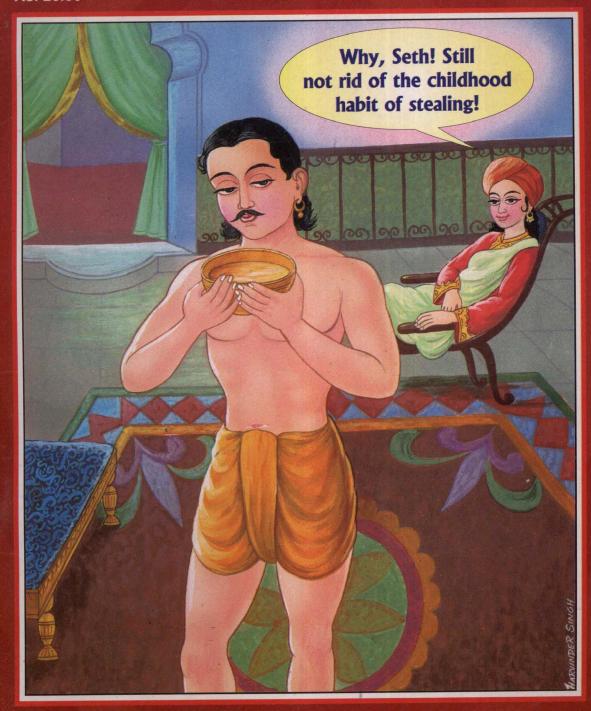


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There is no remark that in itself is insignificant or important; it is the intention concealed in the remark that is important. Sometimes even an insignificant remark becomes so important in one's life that it changes the direction of life.

In ancient Prakrit narrative literature there is a poetical saga titled 'Sur-sundari Chariyam.' It is the interesting story of Sur-sundari and Amar Kumar. During their schooling, Amar Kumar stealthily takes seven kaudis (a specific type of shell used as lowest denomination of Indian currency in the past) tied at the end of princess Sur-sundari's scarf, buys sweets and gives a treat to fellow students. The princess scolds him for this mischief. Amar Kumar retorts, "I have stolen mere seven Kaudis; not looted all your treasury. Could you purchase a kingdom with seven Kaudis?" Sur-sundari replies, "Of course, I could purchase a kingdom with seven Kaudis." And this insignificant remark turned into an obsession. As luck would have it, the two got married to each other. One day Amar Kumar abandoned helpless Sur-sundari in a jungle with a challenge to possess a kingdom with seven Kaudis. Sur-sundari gave a fitting reply to the challenge by acquiring a kingdom with the help of her wisdom, courage, and strength of character. Thus an insignificant frivolous remark set forth an upheaval in her life.

Renowned scholar Upadhyaya Shri Keval Muni ji turned this story into a novel. His able disciple Shri Suresh Muni ji inspired us to adopt that novel into this picture story. We are deeply indebted to him.

-Shrichand Surana 'Saras'

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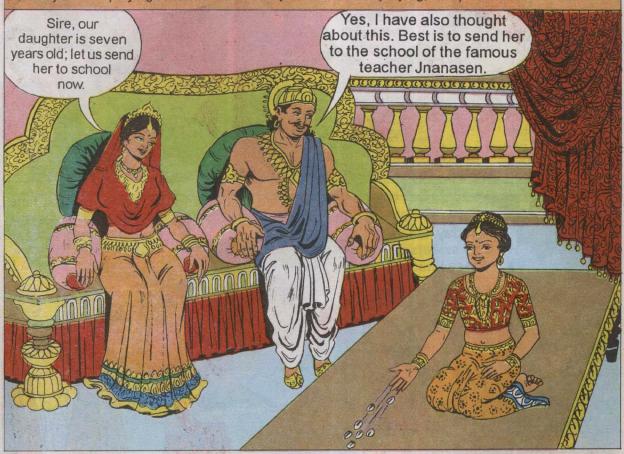
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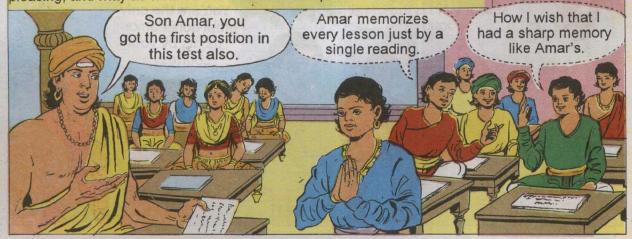
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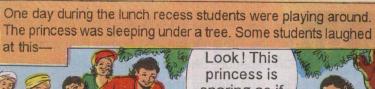
Sur-sundari was the only and beloved daughter of king Ripumardan and queen Ratisundari of Champapuri. She was beautiful and intelligent,

and very fond of playing with kaudis. One day while she was playing, the queen said-



Sur-sundari joined the school of Acharya Jnanasen. Amar Kumar, the son of the nagar-seth,\* also studied in the same school. Amar was the best student of the school. He was handsome and pleasing, and witty as well. All the students accepted him to be their leader.

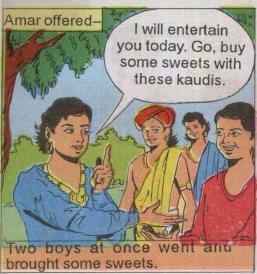




When untied the scarf he found seven kaudis. Amar laughed-







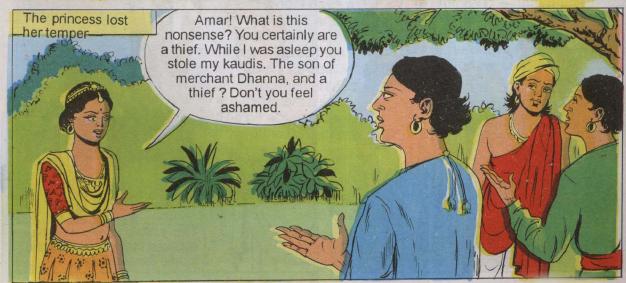






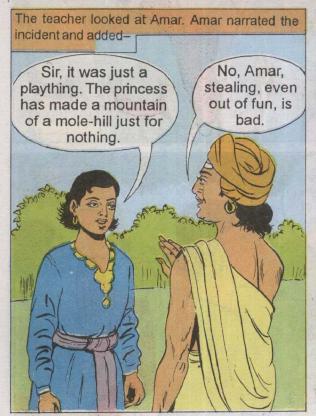




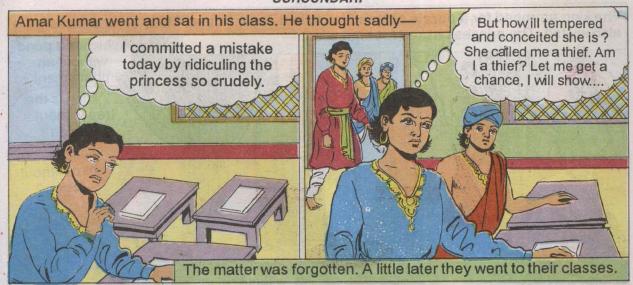


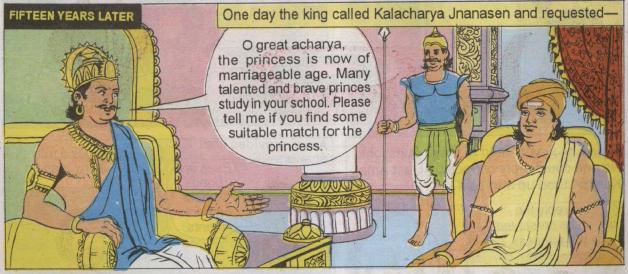


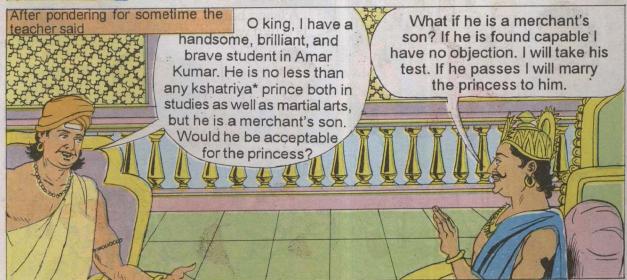


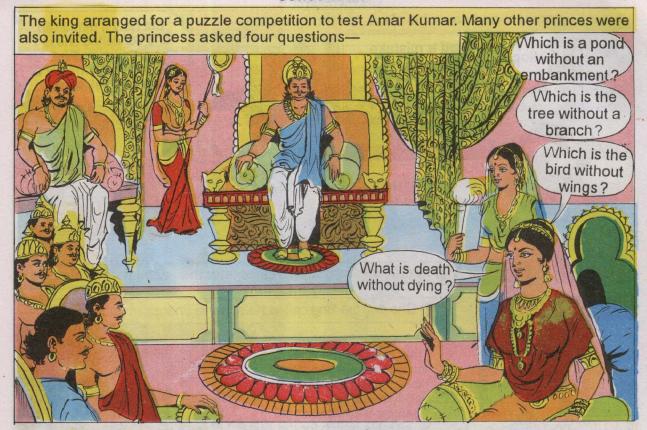


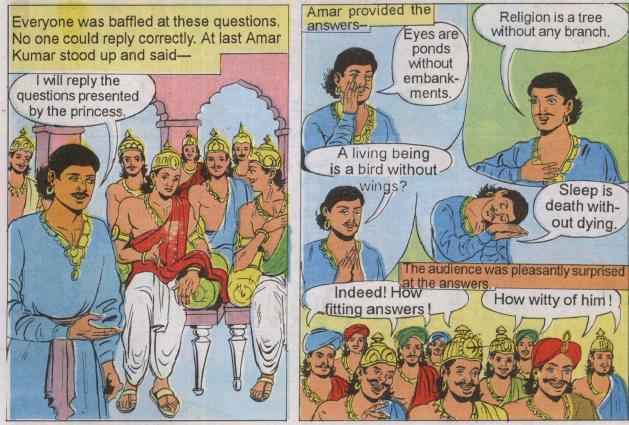






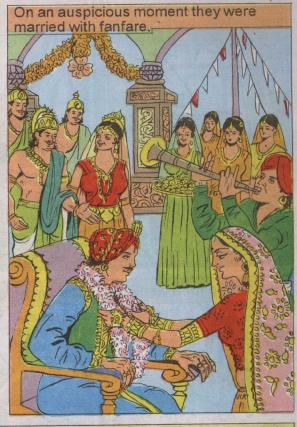




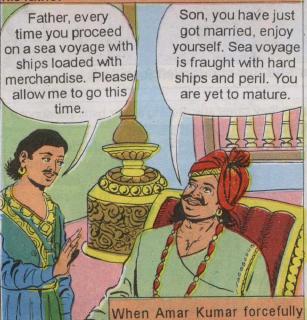


The king was pleased at the ability, wit, and graceful bearing of Amar Kumar. He made an announcement-





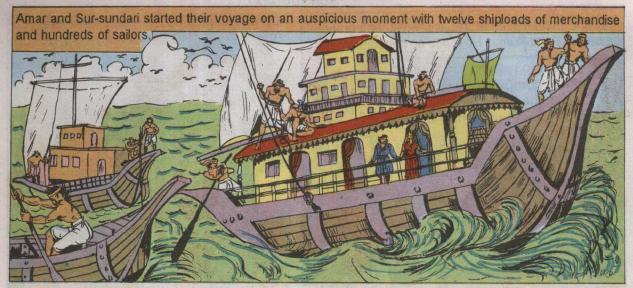
Thus the childhood colleagues, Amar Kumar and Sur-sundari commenced their joyous married life. One day Amar Kumar requested his father—



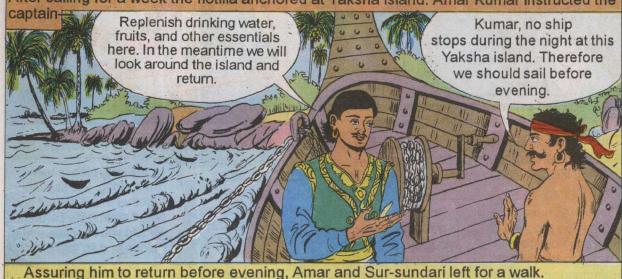


from his parents to take her along.

beseeched, the merchant relented

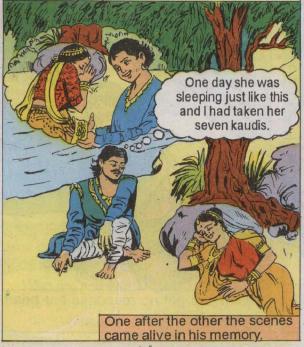


After sailing for a week the flotilla anchored at Yaksha island. Amar Kumar instructed the





After the dip in the river Amar returned and sat down to rest near Sur-sundari. While looking at her he recalled the incidents from their student life.





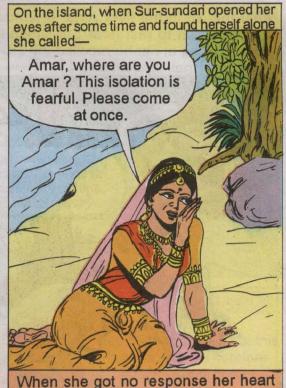
Like a ghostly roar, old memories haunted
Amar. He thought—

This is the chance to avenge that remark. I will abandon her in this godforsaken forest and see how she acquires a kingdom with seven kaudis. The opportunity to shatter her pride is here.

Overpowered by ill-will Amar Kumar became callous. He placed seven kaudis near Sur-sundari and got up. On a nearby rockface he wrote something and stared angrily at Sur-sundari.

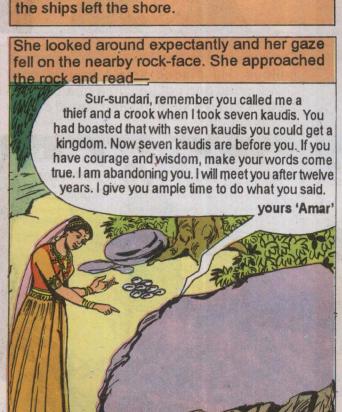


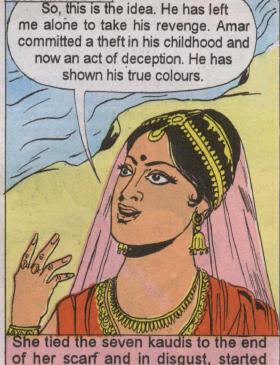




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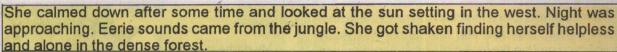
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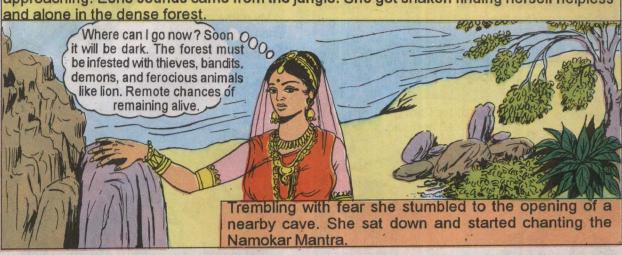


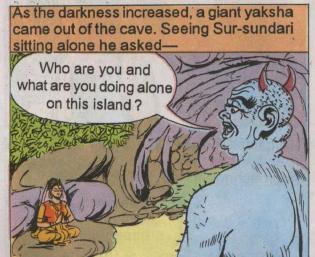


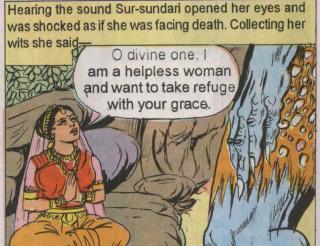
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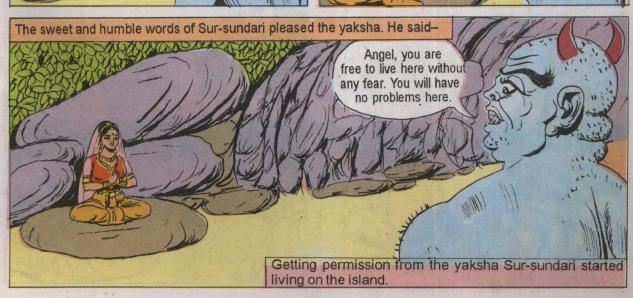
The letter on the rock made her angry,

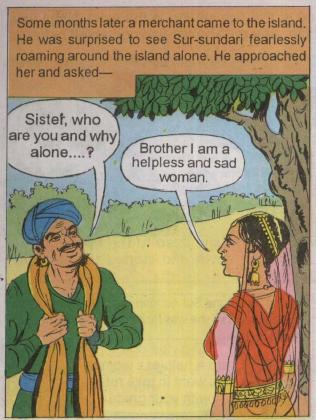


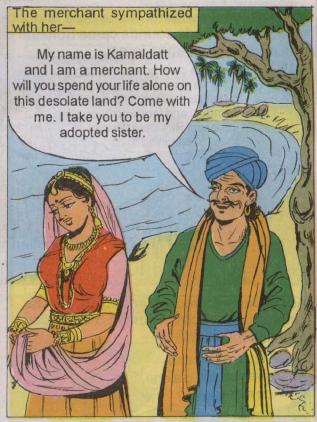


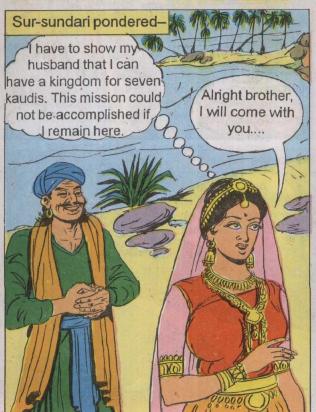




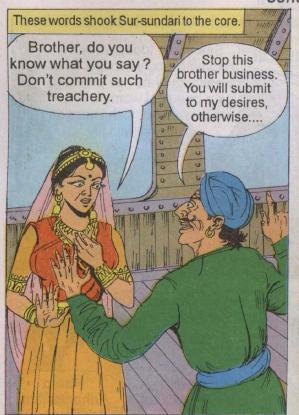




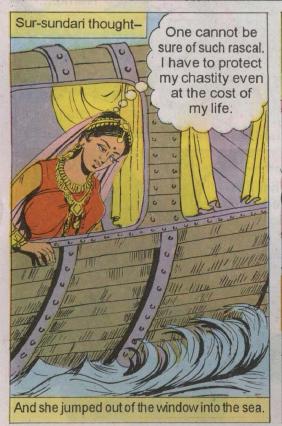








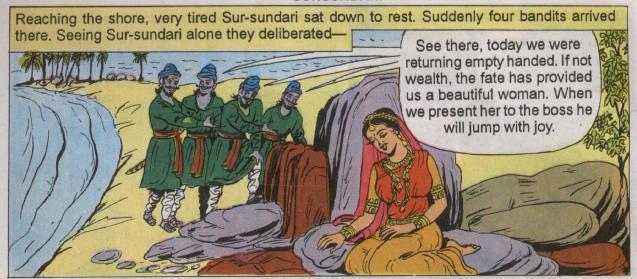


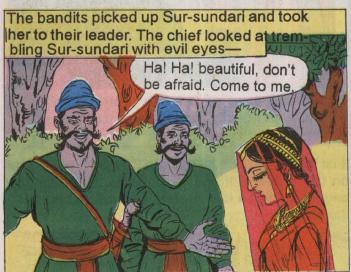


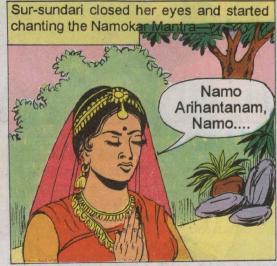
Just then a cyclone hit the sea. The ship wrecked on the rocks. Kamaldatt drowned. Sur-sundari caught hold of a log of wood and swam towards the shore.

sundari's ferocity. He ran away from the cabin.

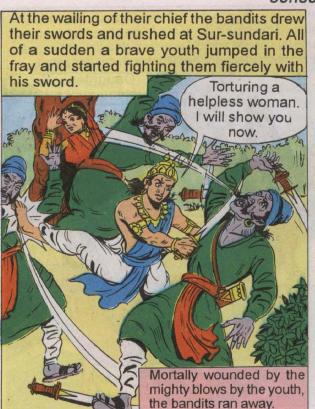


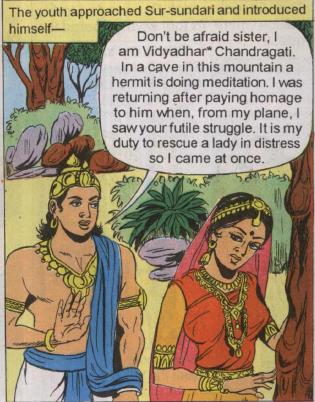


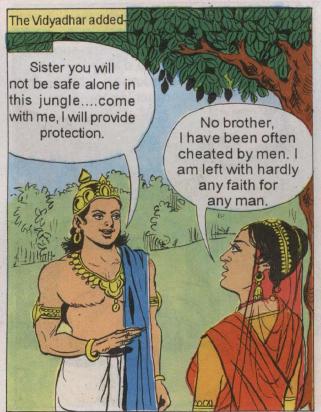


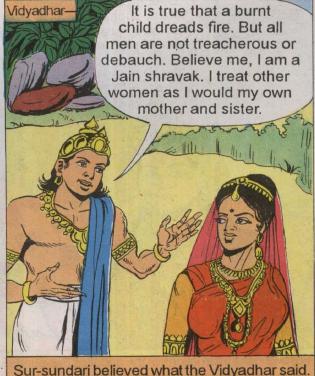










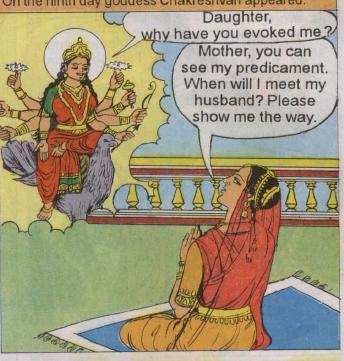


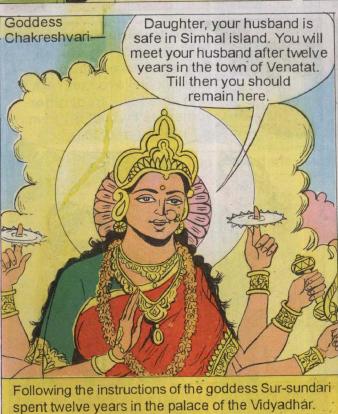
She boarded his plane and went with him.

\* Vidyadhar = a benevolent god with special skills and powers.



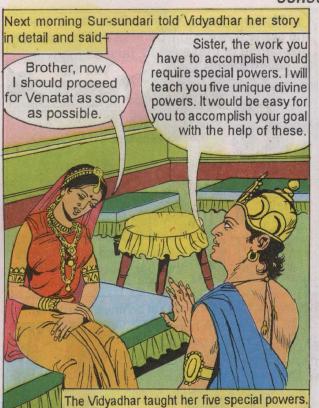
During the month of Ashvin (Aaso), Sur-sundari practiced the nine day Oli-tap.\* She observed Ayambil\*\* during this period and did non stop chanting of Navapad. On the ninth day goddess Chakreshvari appeared.







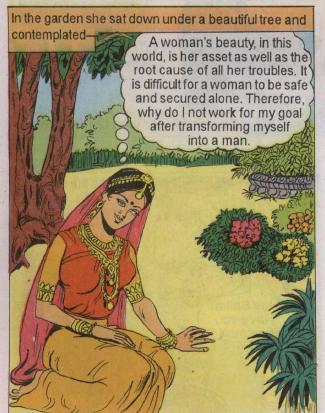
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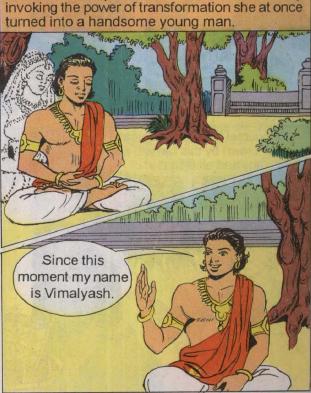


After that he took her to Venatat in the plane and left her there. Seeing a large and beautiful garden Sur-sundari thought—



She sat in lotus pose and started meditation. By

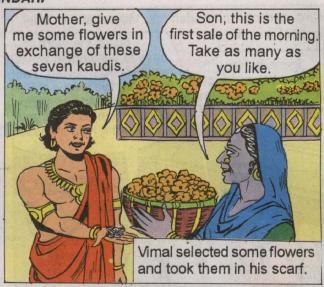




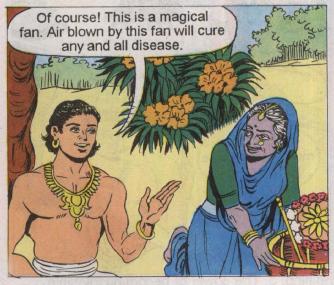
# 1. The power acquiring any form. 2. The power of healing. 3. The power of becoming invisible.

4. The power of increasing physical and mental strength at will. 5. The power of protection from an adversary's divine powers and Mantras.





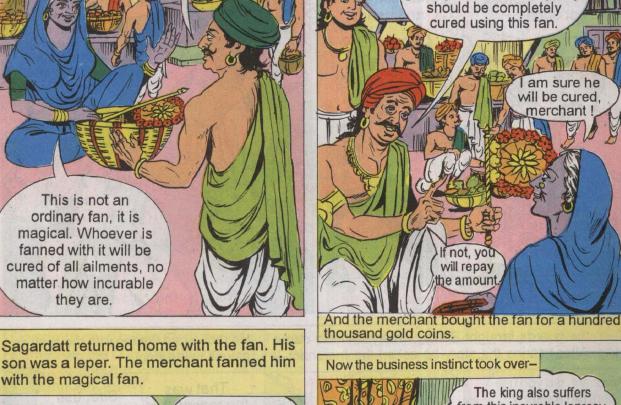


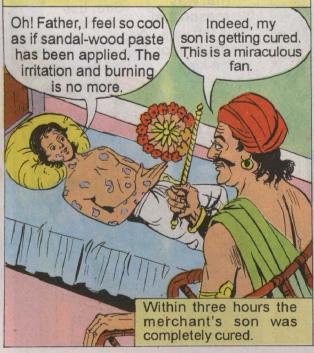


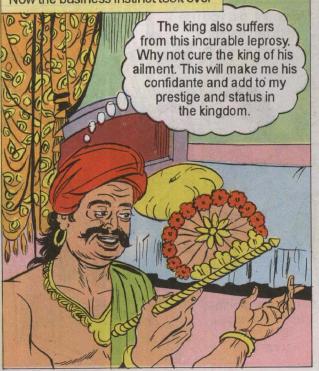


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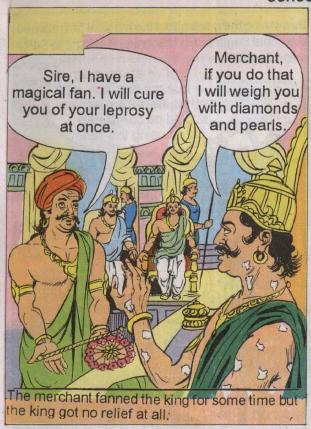




By evening the news about the magical fan reached

merchant Sagardatt, a billionaire. He came to Salka

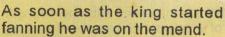
If what you claim is true my only son, who gravely suffers from leprosy,

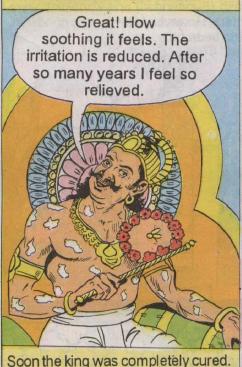




When the guards brought Salka, Vimalyash also came along. After hearing the story he asked the merchant— Merchant, did you use Yes, I cured this fan earlier? my son with this. 000 PANA The influence of mantra vanishes from a charged thing after one use.

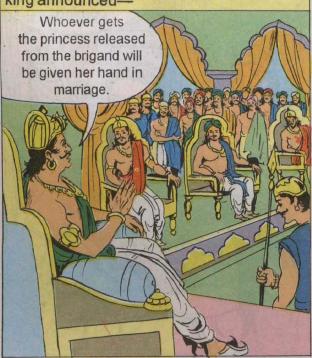




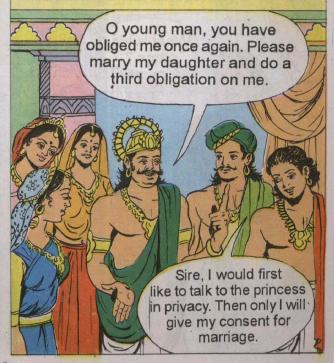




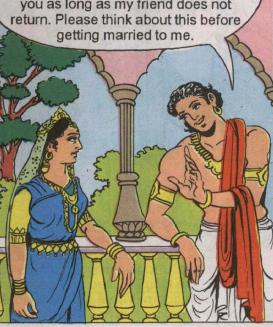
One day a cruel brigand kidnapped princess Kanakvati, the only daughter of the king. All efforts to find her went in vain. At last the king announced-



When Vimalyash came to know of this he used his special powers to trace the brigand and get the princess released. The king said with joy-



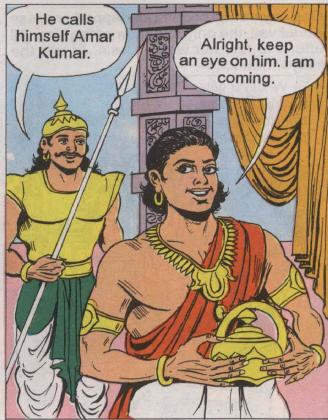
I have taken a vow. A friend of mine is away to distant lands. As long as he does not return I will observe absolutely celibacy. I will not even touch you as long as my friend does not return. Please think about this before getting married to me.

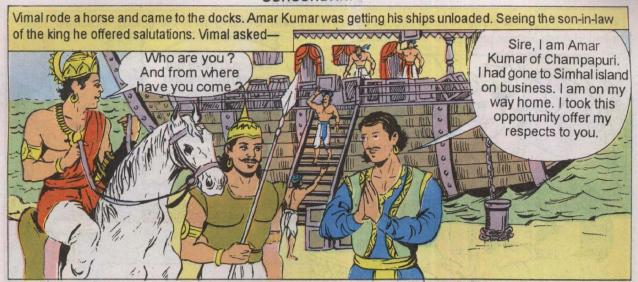


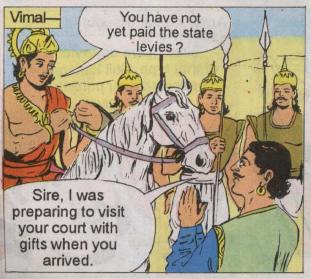
The princess was already infatuated with the strength, wisdom, and beauty of Vimalyash. She agreed without any hesitation. Vimalyash (Sur-sundari) and Kanakvati were married with all fanfare. However, following the condition, they slept in separate bedrooms.

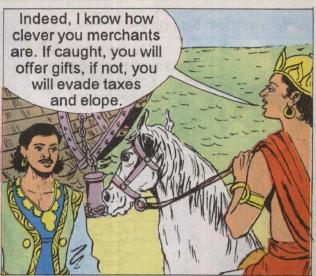


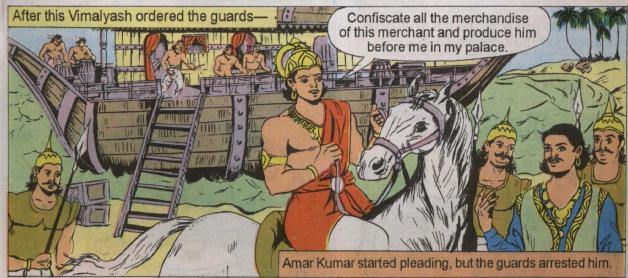


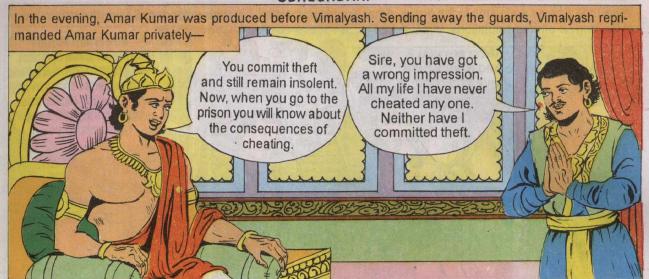


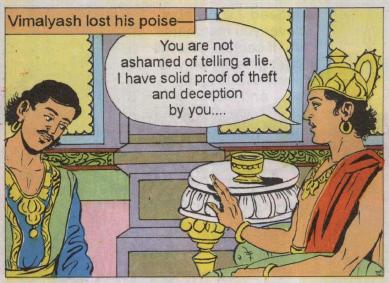


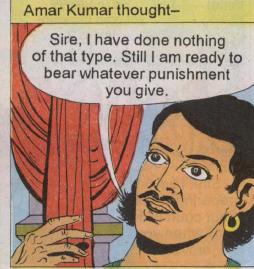


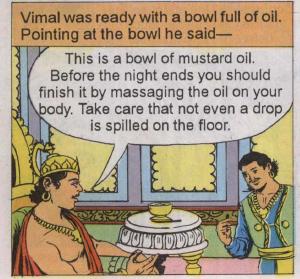


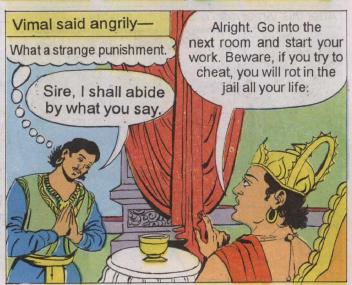




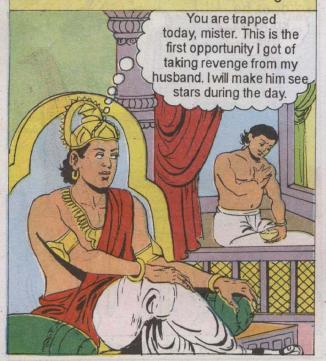




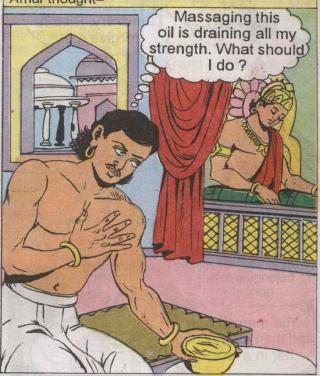




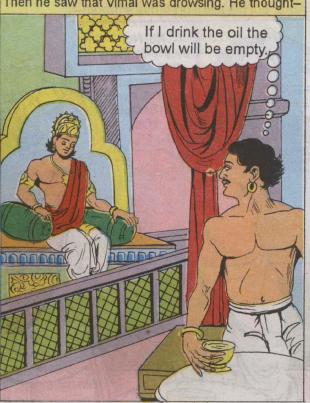
Amar Kumar went into the room and started applying the oil on his body. Vimal also reclined on an easy chair and observed. He thought-



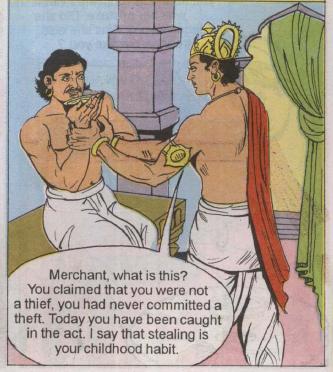
This way almost a quarter of the night was spent. The level of the oil in the bowl hardly reduced. Amar thought-

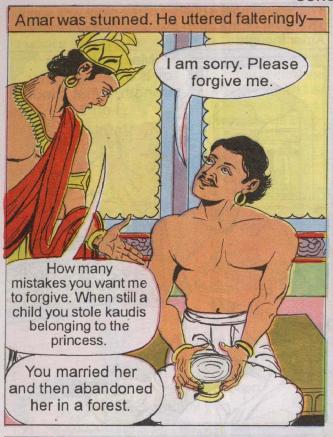


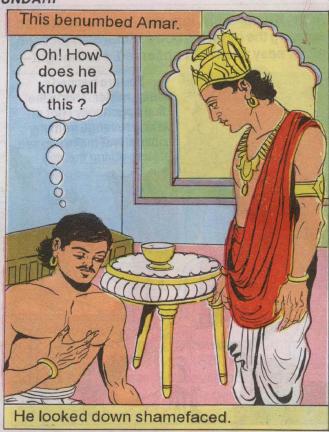
Then he saw that Vimal was drowsing. He thought-

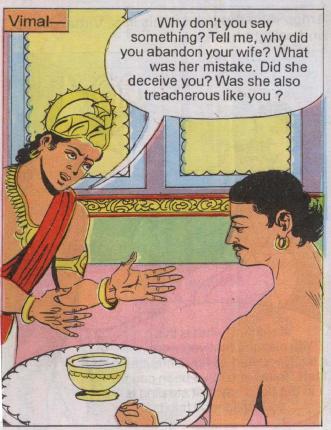


Amar lifted the bowl to his lips. Vimal got up and caught his hand.

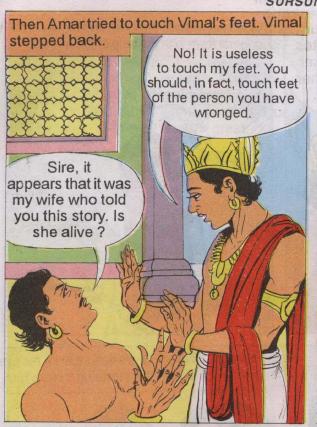






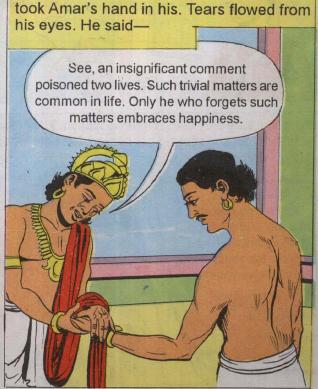




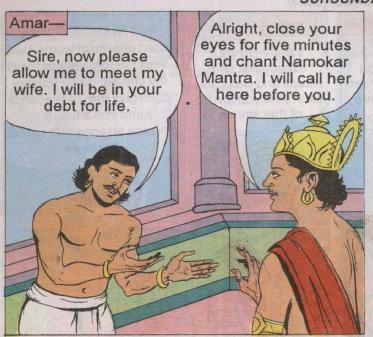




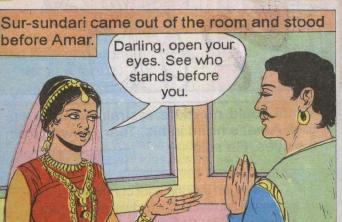




Vimal could no more restrain himself. He



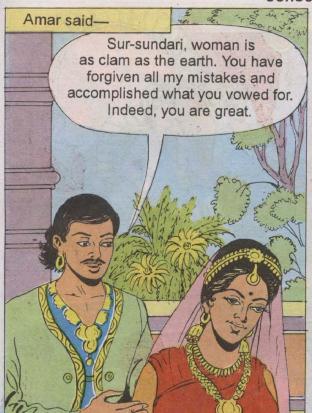




Amar opened his eyes. Tears flowed from his eye when he saw Sur-sundari standing before him.

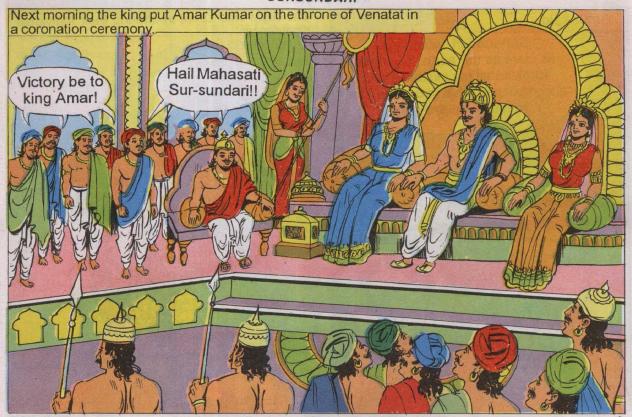


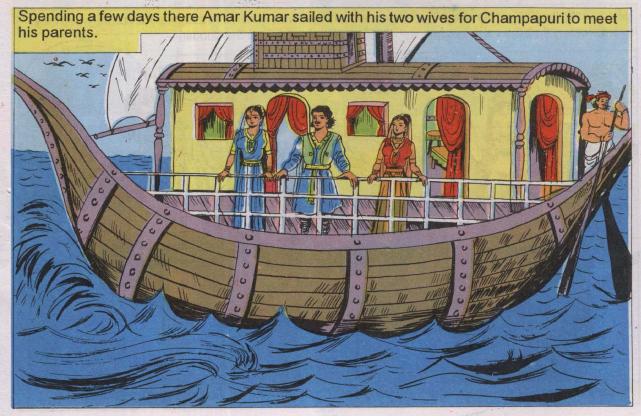


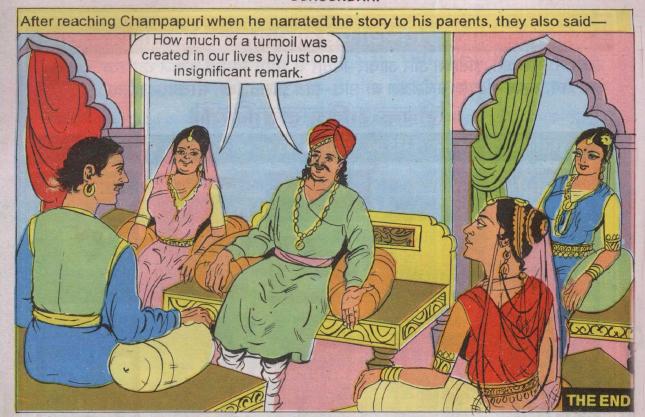












When they became old, Amar Kumar and Sur-sundari gave their kingdom to their sons and proceeded to embrace success in the spiritual field.

#### THE LESSON:

Sometimes even fun and hilarity hurt others and in the agitated state of mind such harsh words that pierce the heart like a thorn are forced out. Mistakes and disputes are common in life but if they are taken to heart and the resulting torridness drives one towards revenge, an all consuming fire erupts. This fire burns and tortures everyone. Sanity lies in wiping the mind of all such insignificant remarks and nurturing mutual love and faith.

Insignificant things can poison ones life. Therefore do not allow them to infest your mind. Let go what has happened and is past. The only path to lasting peace is "forgive and forget."

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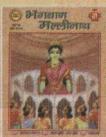








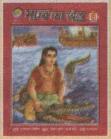




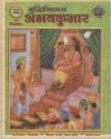






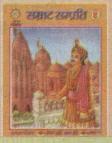














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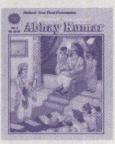
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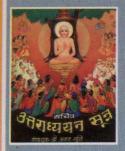
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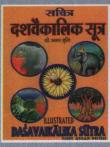
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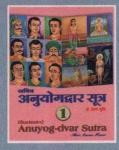
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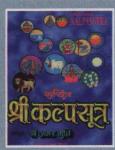




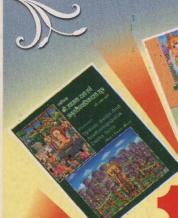














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